

Memorandum

Date : January 13, 2005

To : Karen Stoll
Executive Officer (A)
Board of Corrections

Subject: **APPOINTMENT OF A BOARD OF EXPERTS**

As Chairman of the Board of Corrections (BOC) and Secretary of the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency (YACA), I am requesting that the members of the Board establish and appoint an independent panel of national and state correctional experts to conduct an operational and incident review of the homicide of Correctional Peace Officer Manuel Gonzalez, which occurred on January 10, 2005 at the California Institution for Men in Chino, California.

The directive for this panel will be to review, analyze and comment on the incident and all tangent operational issues, such as the issuance of stab vests to Correctional Officers and the classification process for inmates in a report back to the BOC, which will be delivered during a regular public hearing of the Board.

This report should include any recommendations that might be developed following the review. This review is not designed to supplant the on-going criminal investigation or to usurp the on-going review of the Office of the Inspector General. This review will provide the leadership of the Agency and the California Department of Corrections with objective, needed insight into this incident and the events leading up to it, to ensure that those circumstances that led to this tragedy can be averted in the future.

I would ask that the Board appoint the following individuals to the panel:

- **Glenn Goord**, Commissioner of the New York State Department of Correctional Services
- **William B. Kolender**, Sheriff of San Diego County
- **John L. Scott**, Commander of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- **Joe McGrath**, Deputy Secretary of Internal Affairs (A), YACA
- CDC Wardens', **George Giurbino** and **David Runnels** will be assigned to work with the panel as California subject matter experts.
- **Brian Parry**, National Major Gang Task Force

In addition, I am asking the Board to give Commissioner Goord, as Chairman of this panel, the authority to appoint two additional members of his choosing with one being a representative from the National Institute of Corrections and the other being a nationally recognized expert in prison operations from any state other than California.

Finally, I would ask that the Board direct this group to report back to the membership with regular status reports as they develop their final report. Once the final report is completed, copies will be provided to the Governor and Legislature for their information.

Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue. Should you have any additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 323-6001.

Continued Success,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roderick Q. Hickman".

RODERICK Q. HICKMAN
Secretary
Youth and Adult Correctional Agency